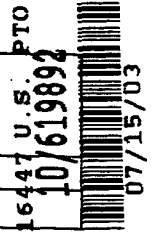


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**Mail Stop Patent Application
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a **X** continuation-in-part _____ continuation _____ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior U.S. Application, Serial No. **10/407,855** filed on **April 4, 2003** of **Jessica LeMay, Keith Edgett, George Jarmon and Kathryn Bennett** for **IMPROVED TAMPON APPLICATOR ASSEMBLY**.

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- _____ A new oath or declaration, new formal drawings and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy is enclosed.
- _____ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence _____, filed _____.
- XX** The prior application is assigned of record to: **Playtex Products, Inc.**

7. XX The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Charles N.J. Ruggiero
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8. ____ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

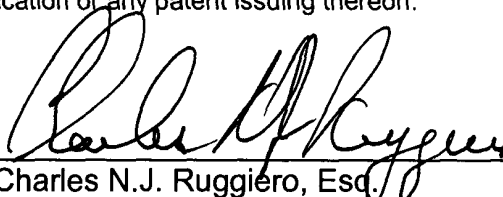
9. XXX Priority of application Serial No. 10/407,855 filed on April 4, 2003 in the U.S. is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120;

10. ____ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application serial no. ____ as originally filed on ____ in the ____.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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